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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SISCO AND ATHERTON

1. AMBASSADOR TOON WILL BE TAKING SECRETARY BUTZ TO CALL ON PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN JERUSALEM TUESDAY EVENING, AND HE HAS ASKED WHETHER THERE ARE ANY POINTS WHICH YOU WISH HIM TO MAKE. HE PARTICULARLY ASKS WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING FURTHER TO BE SAID ON THE QUESTION OF A STATEMENT ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR APPROVAL IS THE TELEGRAM WHICH WE RECOMMEND BE SENT TO TEL AVIV:

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. IN YOUR MEETING WITH RABIN, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MAKE THE TWO POINTS BELOW:

A. RE THE ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE: THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED YOU TO SAY THAT WE ARE SURPRISED AT THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S STATEMENT ON THE PALESTINIAN ASPECTS OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS. WE WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE AN ADMINISTRATION WITNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SERIES OF HEARINGS BEING HELD BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. IN RESPONSE, WE PROVIDED AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEM AS WE SEE IT AND A RE-STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY, WHICH REMAINS AS IT HAS BEEN STATED ON A NUMBER OF PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. OUR PURPOSE WAS TO PUT THIS PROBLEM INTO PERSPECTIVE IN THE FACE OF INCREASING QUESTIONING FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON WHY WE ARE NOT ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH THE PLO AND ON HOW WE INTEND TO BREAK THE IMPASSE ON THIS ASPECT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HEAR AN ISRAELI ANALYSIS OF HOW TO MOVE THIS ISSUE FORWARD IN THE NEGOTIATING CONTEXT. FYI. WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO ENGAGE WITH THE ISRAELIS IN A TEXTUAL ANALYSIS OF OUR STATEMENT. THE STATEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE GLAD TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THEM AT ANY TIME ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM AND HOW TO BRING THE ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE PALESTINIANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS INTO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. END FYI.

B. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL RABIN THAT WE ARE ASKING AMBASSADOR PICKERING TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR A BRIEFING ON THE SADAT VISIT, FOR DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR A POSSIBLE VISIT BY KING HUSSEIN EARLY NEXT YEAR, AND FOR GENERAL SECRET

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DISCUSSION OF STRATEGY FOR THE COMING MONTHS. YOU MAY ADD THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE IN MIND THE NEED FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAEL AS OUR OWN THINKING PROGRESSES.

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